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An Account of the Deſign of the SOCIETY

For Promoting Religious Knowledge among the Poor.

WHOEVER believes the Bible to be a revelation from God, and that the matter it contains is not only highly worthy of that infinitely great and bleſſed Being to deliver, but of the laſt importance both to the temporal and ſpiritual intereſts of mankind, will not want any farther arguments to convince him of the obligations he is under, firſt to receive it with the greateſt reverence, affection, and gratitude himſelf; and then to propagate the knowledge and belief of it among others. And, indeed, who that hath taſted the ſweetneſs, and felt the ſalutary refreſhment of the fountain of life, but muſt be willing to convey its living waters to others, that thoſe who need the ſame ſacred advantages, may drink of the ſame heavenly ſtreams, be quickned, purified, and comforted by them, and live for ever.

Thoſe who have made any ſerious obſervations upon mankind, cannot be inſenſible of the deplorable ignorance that, even in this land of light, is to be found among the poorer ſort, eſpecially in the country, for want of the pro-

per means of information and knowledge; and that the numbers of thoſe are great, who, notwithſtanding the various aſſiſtances, that have, from time to time, been communicated for their inſtruction and improvement, yet very much want, in this inſtance, the farther aids of Chriſtian piety and benevolence.

Animated, they truſt, in ſome degree by theſe motives, and to remove, as far as they can, theſe unhappy diſadvantages, which ſo many of our poor labour under, ſeveral perſons have entered into a Society and Subſcription to diſtribute the ſacred Scriptures, and other good books amongſt them, as one of the moſt effectual methods, in their apprehenſion, under the bleſſing of GOD, to bring them acquainted with the truth as it is in JESUS, and render them wiſe to ſalvation.

As hereby many neceſſitous families who are unable to purchaſe theſe helps themſelves, will be kindly ſupplied with them by the bounty of others; ſo it will not be the leaſt part of the bleſſing, that the riſing generation among them, will be furniſhed with ſuch books as are beſt ſuited to their tender years: by means of which it is to be hoped that, under the divine influence, the tendencies of corrupt nature may receive a timely check, and the powerful influences of vicious examples, in theſe ſinful times, be more effectually guarded againſt; their future perverſion from the principles of the Proteſtant Religion to the errors and corruptions of Popery be happily prevented; and their precious ſouls be early ſeaſoned with a laſting tincture of piety and virtue. And if ſuch are eſteemed, and indeed with good reaſon, their generous benefactors, who kindly aſſiſt them in providing food and raiment for their bodies; that friendſhip ſurely cannot be leſs valuable, which provides them with that pure raiment, which is neceſſary to clothe their minds, and furniſhes them with the living bread from heaven, in order to nouriſh them up in the divine life, and ſecure them the poſſeſſion of immortal bleſſedneſs and glory.

As theſe conſiderations will without doubt recommend the attempt of the miniſters and gentlemen who have entered into this deſign, to the approbation of all good men; ſo it is to be hoped, eſpecially as it is wholly void of all party views, that it will engage many of every

Chriſtian

Chriſtian denomination among us, who truly fear GOD, love the proteſtant religion and liberties, and wiſh well to immortal ſouls, to countenance, encourage, and promote it.

RULES of the SOCIETY

For promoting Religious Knowledge among the Poor.

I. THAT the deſign of the Society is, to diſtribute Bibles, Teſtaments, and other good books, which may be judged uſeful, *gratis*, among the poor; and particularly to ſend ſuch books to ſuch miniſters and gentlemen in the country, as the Society may have reaſon to believe will faithfully diſtribute them among thoſe that moſt need them, and may be moſt likely to improve them.

II. That this charity be carried on by an annual ſubſcription of the members, and ſuch other contributions, as well diſpoſed chriſtians may aſſiſt the Society with from time to time.

III. That every ſubſcriber be deſired to attend the meetings of the Society, and ſhall have the liberty, in his turn, to direct the diſpoſal of as many books as the Society ſhall think proper.

IV. That any ſubſcriber in the country, or in foreign parts, may impower a member of the Society to receive his books as often as they are allotted to him, without further notice; paying the ſubſcription due.

V. That every ſubſcriber pay, at leaſt, One Guinea at the time of his or her entrance; either as a Preſent for the uſe of the Society, or as Subſcription for time to come.

VI. That

VI. That when books are ſent down to any miniſter or gentleman in the country, it will be expected from him, that the account be delivered to the ſecretary, by the perſon that recommended him.

VII. That no books be received into, as gifts, or purchaſed to be given away by, the Society, without the *unanimous* conſent of the members thereof at their quarterly meetings.

Thoſe who are willing to encourage this deſign, are deſired to ſend their contributions to either of the gentlemen undermentioned.

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The Name

Large Bibles
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Small Teſtaments
Shower on Time and Eternity
Baxter's Call to the Unconverted
Allein's Alarm to ditto
Janeway's Token for Children
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Proteſtant's Reſolution againſt Pop
Dr. *Watts*'s Scripture Hiſtory
———Prayers for Children
———Songs for ditto
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———Pſalms
———Hymns
———Firſt Catechiſm
———Second ditto
Toms's Humble Attempt, *&c.*
———Swearer's Monitor
———Sabbath-breaker's ditto
———againſt Intemperance, *per* d
———againſt Impurity, *per* doz.
Dr. *Doddridge* on Family Religion
———Riſe and Progreſs of
Henry's Pleaſures of Religion
Patrick's Devout Chriſtian
Scudder's Daily Walk
Addreſs to the Soldiers and Sailors
Perſuaſive to obſerve the Lord's D
Religious Tradeſman
Earle on the Sacrament

Names and Number of the Books given away by the SOCIETY.

	Price	1751	1752	1753	1754	1755	1756	1757	1758	1759	1760	1761	1762	1763	Total
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1752	Rev. Edward Pickard
1754	Rev. Richard Pearſall, *Taunton, Somerſetſhire*
1755	Mr Benjamin Pewtreſs, jun.
	Mr David Prudom, *Whitby, Yorkſhire*
	Rev. Dr. Pearce, *Chellwood*, near *Briſtol*
	Rev. William Porter
1757	Mr John Pullen
	Mr Joſeph Pearce
	Mrs Planner
1758	Mr James Pearſon
	Mr William Pickett
	Mr Henry Peronneau, *Charles-Town, South-Carolina*
	Mr. Joſiah Peacock, *Taunton, Somerſetſhire*
1759	Mr Freeman Prentice
1760	Mr Thomas Preſton
	Rev. John Palmer, *Woodbridge, Suffolk*
	Mr John Prieſtly
	Mr George Paterſon
	Mr John Purchaſe, *Cambridge*
	Amos Petard, Eſq; *Martock, Somerſetſhire*
1761	Mr Joſeph Prieſtly, *Fieldhead* near *Leeds, Yorkſhire*
	Mr Barth. Pomeroy
1762	Mr I. W. Phipps
	Mr Samuel Powell, *Philadelphia*
	Mr Amos Pitcher, *Crewkern, Somerſetſhire*
	Mr Michael Pearſon
1763	Thomas Paweys, Eſq;
	Mrs Paweys
	Mr Henry Pomroy

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1751	Rev. John Richardſon
	Mr John Rogers
1752	Mr Lomax Ryder
	Mrs Mary Rodes, *Leeds, Yorkſhire*
1754	Mr Henry Rutt
	Mr John Reymes, *Norwich*
	Mr George Rutt
1755	Rev. William Richardſon, *Virginia*

Time of Admiſſion	
1756	Mr Nathaniel Robarts, *Abingdon, Berks*
	Mr Joſiah Robarts
1757	Mr William Rawlings, *St. Colomb, Cornwall*
1758	Mr Thomas Roſſiter
	Mr. Charles Runnington
	Mr John Richards
	Mr John Roberts
	Rev. John Ryland, *Northampton*
1759	Rev. Nehemiah Ring
	Mr David Rivers
	Mr Samuel Rickards
1760	Mr Thomas Rutt
	Mr George Rutt, jun.
	Mr Thomas Ridgeway
	Rev. John Rogers, *St. George's, Penſylvania*
	Samuel Roffey, Eſq;
1761	Samuel Ruggles, Eſq; *Bocking, Eſſex*
	Mr William Rutter
	Mr William Roſſe
	Mr Roſewarne, *Truro, Cornwall*
	Mr. Charles Robinſon
1762	Mr Jacob Reeves
	Rev. William Romaine
	John Redman, M. D. *Philadelphia*
	Mr William Robinſon, *Newcaſtle, Northumberland*

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1750	Mr Samuel Sheafe
	Mr Robert Shelly
1751	Rev. Samuel Stennett
	Mr John Seagrave
	Mr Samuel Sparrow
1752	Mr Joſeph South
	Mr William Stanton
	Mrs Rachael Spellerberg, *Hackney*
1753	Mr Robert Stewart
	Mr Nathaniel Sheffield
1754	Mr Samuel Savage
1755	Mr Benjamin Sabbarton
	Rev. Samuel Saunderſon, *Bedford*

Time of Admiſſion	
1756	Mr James Smith
1757	Mrs Stennet, *Hempſtead, Hertfordſhire*
	Rev. Edward Smith
	Mr John Sanderſon, *Welſh Wittle, Lancaſhire*
	Rev. L. M. Stretch
1758	Mr John Seaber
	Mr George Skinner, *Taunton, Somerſetſhire*
	Mr Thomas Simms
1759	Mr John Scott, *Birmingham*
	Mr Jabez Smith
1760	Mr William Squires
1761	Rev. Francis Spilſbury
	Rev. John Stafford
	Rev. Samuel Morton Savage
	Mr Joſeph Street
	Mrs Smith, *New York*
	Mr John Stallard, *Clapham, Surry*
	Mr Allyn Symons
	Mr Joſeph Shrimpton
	Mr Thomas Sylveſter, *Wedneſbury, Staffordſhire*
1762	Mr Joſeph Smith, *Boſton, New England*
	Mr William Smith
	Mrs Skinner, *Tottenham, Middleſex*
	Rev. Dr Stonehouſe, *Briſtol*
1763	Mr Francis Shads
	Mrs Hannah Stanton
	Mr Zechariah Shrapnal, *Bradford, Wilts*
	Mr Samuel Stratton

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1750	Mr Samuel Taylor
1751	Rev. Joſiah Thompſon
	Mr Thomas Tredway
1752	Rev. Thomas Towle, *Stoke Newington*
1753	Mrs Suſannah Tiffin
1754	Mr Aaron Tozer, *Newton-Abbat, Devonſhire*
1755	Mr Benjamin Tomkins
1756	Mr Richard Tunnard, *Frampton, Lincolnſhire, dec.*
	Rev. Mr Todd, *Hanover, Virginia*
1758	Mr William Theed

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1758 Mrs Ann Tunnard, *Frampton, Lincolnſhire*
1759 Mr Robert Thomas, *Hanover, Monmouthſhire*
1760 Mr Philip Taylor
1761 John Thornton, Eſq; *Clapham*
Mr Martin Tomkins
James Taylor, Eſq; *Eaſt Greenwich, Kent*
1762 Mr William Tomkins, *Abingdon, Berkſhire*
Mr Robert Travers
1763 Rev. Thomas Taylor, *Stoke-Newington*

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1751 Mr John Uffington
1762 Mr Richard Uwins

V

1753 Rev. Henry Venn, *Huthersfield, Yorkſhire*
1761 Mr Benjamin Vaughan, jun.
1763 Mr John Vetch

W

1750 Mr Stephen Wilſon
1751 Mrs Ann Wordſworth
Mr John Ward
1752 Mrs Weſt
Mr Stephen Williams
Mrs Jane Woodcock, *Boſton, Lincolnſhire*
rMObadiah Hughes Worſley, *Ware, Hertfordſhire*
Mr Thomas Wellings
1754 Mr Reader Watts
Mr Richard Watts
Mr John Warren
1755 Mr George Welch

Mrs

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1755 Mrs Wallman, *Witham, Eſſex*
1756 Mr John Walton
Mr Thomas Wright
1757 Rev. George Whitefield
Mr Richard Wilſonn
Thomas Watſon, Eſq;
Mrs Lydia Whitaker
Mr John Whitaker
Mr John Weſtcott, *Taunton, Somerſetſhire*
1758 Mr Richard Welles
Mr Thomas Wilſon
Mr George Wilkinſon
Mr William Woolcott, *Dartmouth, Devonſhire*
1759 Mr George Walton, *Lunenburg, Virginia*
Mr Henry Whittle
Mr Joſeph Wood, *Nottingham*
Mr William Weare
Mrs Elizabeth Wellman, *Taunton, Somerſetſhire*
Iſaac Wellman, Eſq; *Poundsford*, near *Taunton*,
Mr Henry Wichells
Mrs White
Rev. Jervis Wylde, *Birmingham*
1760 Mr Joſeph Williams
Mr Joſeph Woolmer
Mr Thomas Windſor
1761 Mr Richard Wainwright
Rev. Samuel Webb
Mr Jaſper Waters
Mr John Walford
Mr Philip Welſh
Mr Samuel Weymouth, *Exeter*
Simon Welman, Eſq; *Poundsford*, near *Taunton*, *Somerſetſhire*
Mr John Williamſon, *Hanover, Virginia*
Mr Samuel Walker, *Rotheram, Yorkſhire*
Rev. Thomas Waldgrave, *Tock Holes, Lancaſhire*
Rev. Mr Whitford, *Bolton, ditto*
1762 Mr Benjamin Webb
Mr Shirley Woolmer
Mr James Wrench
Luke Wayman, M. D.
Mr Thomas Woodroffe
Mrs Jane Wilkinſon
Mr William Welſh

James

Time of Admiſſion	
1762	James Wright, Eſq;
	Mrs Hannah Wilberforce, *Wimbledon, Surry*
1763	Mr Robert Wilkinſon
	Mr John Williams
	Mr John Worſley
	Mr. Williams
	Mr Joſeph Whitridge

Occaſional

Occaſional Contributions to the Society.

	£.	s.	d.
From Auguſt 8th 1750, to October 2d 1751	53	15	6
From October 2d 1751, to October 4th 1752	117	16	6
From October 4th 1752, to October 3d 1753	42	4	3
From October 3d 1753, to October 2d 1754	28	1	6
From October 2d 1754, to October 2d 1755	35	1	0
From October 2d 1755, to October 7th 1756	44	3	0
From October 7th 1756, to October 6th 1757	41	15	6
From October 6th 1757, to July 6th 1758	69	9	0
From July 6th 1758, to July 5th 1759	146	13	11
From July 5th 1759, to July 2d 1760	165	2	1
From July 2d 1760, to July 1ſt 1761	128	11	0
From July 1ſt 1761, to July 25th 1762	107	7	0

From July 26th 1762, to July 28th 1763

		£.	s.	d.
	Mr William Robinſon at admiſſion	1	1	0
	Mr John Harriſon at ditto	1	1	0
	Mr John Worſley at ditto	1	1	0
	Mr Francis Shadds at ditto	1	1	0
	John Hutchinſon, Eſq; at ditto	1	1	0
	Mr Iſaac Le Fevre at ditto	1	1	0
	Mr Samuel Bayes at ditto	1	1	0
Oct. 14.	Collected at the Sermon	25	6	0
	Rev. Thomas Taylor at admiſſion	1	1	0
	Hon. Lady Huntington at ditto	1	1	0
	Rev. Mr Adams, at *Wintringham*	0	10	6
	Mr John Vetch at admiſſion	1	1	0
	Mr John Field, jun. at ditto	1	1	0
	Mr Joſeph Whitridge at ditto	1	1	0
	Rev. Mr Davis at ditto	1	1	0
	William Hurſt, Eſq; at ditto	1	1	0
	A Legacy from Mr Billings, dec. per Mr Malpas	20	0	0
	By Sale of Rev. Mr Jones's Sermon	0	8	3
		£ 60	18	9

The State of the Society's Account from its beginning in *August* 1750, to *Michaelmas* 1751.

	£.	s.	d.		£.	s.	d.
To annual Subscriptions	60	17	9	By sundry Payments for Bibles, Testaments, and other Books	100	11	1
To occasional Contributions	53	15	6	By incidental Expences	3	1	0
				By Cash in Hand	11	1	2
	114	13	3		114	13	3

The State of the Account from *Michaelmas* 1751, to *Michaelmas* 1752.

	£.	s.	d.		£.	s.	d.
To annual Subscriptions received	120	0	0	By sundry Payments for Bibles, Testaments, and other Books	221	0	6
To occasional Gifts, &c.	117	16	6	By incidental Expences	8	19	8
To the Ballance of last Year's Account	11	1	2	By Cash in Hand	18	17	6
	248	17	8		248	17	8

The State of the Account from *Michaelmas* 1752, to *Michaelmas* 1753.

	£.	s.	d.		£.	s.	d.
To annual Subscriptions received	156	4	3	By sundry Payments for Bibles, Testaments, and other Books	211	3	6
To occasional Gifts, &c.	74	2	6	By incidental Expences	21	18	7
To the Ballance of last Year's Account	18	17	6	By Cash in Hand	16	2	2
	249	4	3		249	4	3

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The State of the Account from *Michaelmas* 1753, to *Michaelmas* 1754.

	£.	s.	d.		£.	s.	d.
To annual Subscriptions received	182	2	0	By sundry Payments for Bibles, Testaments, and other Book	189	8	10
To occasional Gifts, &c.	28	1	0				
To the Ballance of last Year's Account	16	2	2	By incidental Expences	18	16	6
				By Cash in Hand	17	19	10
	226	5	2		226	5	2

The State of the Account from *Michaelmas* 1754, to *Michaelmas* 1755.

	£.	s	d.		£.	s.	d.
To annual Subscriptions received	213	18	9	By sundry Payments for Bibles, Testaments, and other Books	202	2	1½
To occasional Gifts, &c.	34	0	0				
To the Ballance of last Year's Account	17	19	10	By incidental Expences	18	2	6
				By Cash in Hand	45	13	11½
	265	18	7		265	18	7

The State of the Account from *Michaelmas* 1755, to *Michaelmas* 1756.

	£.	s.	d.		£.	s.	d.
To annual Subscriptions received	250	10	0	By sundry Payments for Bibles, Testaments, and other Books	250	0	0
To occasional Gifts, &c.	44	3	0				
To the Ballance of last Year's Account	45	13	11½	By incidental Expences	34	15	0
				By Cash in Hand	55	11	11½
	340	6	11½		340	6	11½

The State of the Account from *Michaelmas* 1756. to *Michaelmas* 1757.

	£.	s.	d.		£.	s.	d.
To annual Subscriptions received	270	0	0	By sundry Payments for Bibles Testaments, and other Books	307	7	0
To occasional Gifts, &c.	41	15	6				
To the Ballance of last Year's Account	55	11	11½	By incidental Expences	25	16	3
				By Cash in Hand	34	4	2½
	367	7	5½		367	7	5½

The State of the Account from *Michaelmas* 1757, to *Midsummer* 1758. (three quarters of a Year only.

	£.	s.	d.		£.	s.	d.
To annual Subscriptions received, 3 qrs.	231	13	9	By sundry Payments for Bibles, Testaments, and other Books	273	11	3
To occasional Gifts, &c.	75	18	0				
To the Ballance of last Year's Account	34	4	3	By incidental Expences	26	10	5
				By Cash in Hand	41	14	4
	341	16	0		341	16	0

The State of the Account from *Midsummer* 1758, to *Midsummer* 1759.

	£.	s.	d.		£.	s.	d.
To annual Subscriptions received	338	15	3	By sundry Payments for Bibles, Testaments, and other Books	443	13	9
To occasional Gifts, &c.	146	13	11				
To the Ballance of last Year's Account	41	14	4	By incidental Expences	36	3	7
				By Cash in Hand	47	6	2
	527	3	6		527	3	6

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The State of the Account from *Midſummer* 1759, to *Midſummer* 1760.

	£.	s.	d.		£.	s.	d.
To annual Subſcriptions received	379	6	9	By ſundry Payments for Bibles, Teſtaments, and other Books	498	12	9½
To occaſional Gifts, &c.	165	2	1				
To the Ballance of laſt Year's Account	47	6	2	By incidental Expences	41	17	11
				By Caſh in Hand	51	4	3½
	591	15	0		591	15	0

The State of the Account from *Midſummer* 1760, to *Midſummer* 1761.

	£.	s.	d.		£.	s.	d.
To annual Subſcriptions received	440	3	3	By ſundry Payments for Bibles, Teſtaments, and other Books	569	16	3
To occaſional Gifts, &c.	136	0	1				
To the Ballance of laſt Year's Account	44	6	8½	By incidental Expences	47	7	11
				By Caſh in Hand	3	5	10½
	620	10	0½		620	10	0½

The State of the Account from *Midſummer* 1761, to *Midſummer* 1762.

	£.	s.	d.		£.	s.	d.
To annual Subſcriptions received	503	3	9	By ſundry Payments for Bibles, Teſtaments, and other Books	608	4	2
To occaſional Contributions	107	7	0½				
To the Ballance of laſt Year's Account	3	5	10½	By incidental Expences	50	7	0
	613	16	8				
Ballance due to the Treaſurer	44	15	1				
	658	11	9		658	11	9

The State of the Account from *Midſummer* 1762, to *Midſummer* 1763.

	£.	s.	d.		£.	s.	d.
To annual Subſcriptions received	524	8	6	By ſundry Payments for Bibles, Teſtaments, and other Books	481	9	6
To occaſional Gifts, &c.	58	16	9	By incidental Expences	52	0	5
				By Ballance from the laſt Account	44	15	1
	583	5	3		578	5	0
				By Caſh in Hand	5	0	3
					583	5	3

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The proper Form for a Donation to the Society, by Will.

ITEM, I A. B. *do hereby give and bequeath the Sum of £ unto the Treaſurer and Secretary for the Time being, of a voluntary Society commonly called or known by the Name of* The Society for promoting Religious Knowledge among the Poor, (*which Society now uſually meet, or did lately meet at* Founder's-Hall *in* London,) *the ſame to be paid within Months next after my Deceaſe out of my Perſonal Eſtate, and to be applied to the Uſes and Purpoſes of that Society.*

Extracts

Extracts of LETTERS

From ſome of the Miniſters, in the Country, who have received Books from the SOCIETY.

Spittal, Northumberland. REv. Mr. KIDD. I deſire in the name of my people to expreſs the moſt ſincere gratitude for the preſent of books. I diſtributed them to the moſt neceſſitous of the congregation, and they were joyfully received: and I doubt not but a gracious GOD who hath ſtirred up ſo many of *different* denominations to expend their ſubſtance for promoting Religious Knowledge among the Poor, will grant ſucceſs to their well-meant endeavours.

The books they have choſen are *well-calculated* to rouſe unthinking ſinners from their indolence and inattention, and to open their eyes to that which is of everlaſting importance. I underſtand that they have *good effects* on many already, and hope they will have on many more, *&c.*

Ryegate, Surry. Rev. Mr. CURTIS. My thanks attend the gentlemen of the Society for their kind preſent of books. The bibles eſpecially were a very acceptable gift to ſeveral ſervants who before were not poſſeſſed of ſo invaluable a bleſſing as the word of GOD: Which I may venture to aſſure you they not only read, but ſtudy diligently, the effects of which have already ſome appearance of good. May the good Spirit of all grace grant a rich increaſe. — I believe ſome of them forgot not to mention at a throne of grace their kind benefactors. Surely the bleſſings of many who without your kind help would periſh for lack of knowledge, will reſt on

ion thoſe and theirs who pity and relieve the ignorant, and them that are out of the way, &c.

Rev. Mr. Bligh. I return you many thanks for the valuable books you was pleaſed to favour me with. They were received with great pleaſure and thankfulneſs, among my poor friends, and I truſt I can diſcern ſome good and bleſſed effects. Several of my poor neighbours have ſince applied to me for books, eſpecially bibles, who declare that they either have none, or very imperfect ones, and cannot ſpare money to buy them. That the God of all grace may further bleſs the generous deſign of this truly noble Society, is the deſire and prayer of, &c. *Chipſtead, Kent.*

Rev. Mr. Toms. I thankfully acknowledge the receipt of a parcel of books from the Society for promoting Religious Knowledge among the poor. I am greatly indebted to this Society for the gift, being in great want of books. One of the ſmall tracts given to one that was a neglecter of the Lord's-day has been followed with attendance on public worſhip morning and evening. *Hadleigh, Suffolk.*

It affords matter for thank-offering to the beſt of Beings that the Society doth ſo proſper, and that accounts come from ſuch diſtant quarters bringing good tidings of the ſucceſs that is granted, &c.

Rev. Mr. Boughton. I return you thanks in the names of my poor chriſtian friends for the kind preſent of books, which was received joyfully by me and them. Our dear Lord, I truſt, is beginning a great and good work among us, eſpecially among the youth; who eagerly thirſt after divine knowledge and ſpiritual food. *Buckingham.*

I never was ſo much in want of books as at this time. Scudder's daily walk, Allein's alarm, and Doddridge's riſe and progreſs have, I truſt, been very uſeful, as thoſe to whom they have either been lent or given ſeem very thankfully to acknowledge. I beg if you can procure me more of theſe books you will do it in

in compaſſion to poor ſouls in this barren deſart, &c.

Charles Town, South Carolina. Rev. Mr. RICHARDSON. I received the books ſafe, and hope by this generous donation to ſupply a great part of the wide extended frontiers of the Carolinas, which are almoſt deſtitute of goſpel ordinances. It gladdens my heart to think that Chriſtians in England ſhould have ſo much compaſſion for poor ſouls in Carolina. As peace is reſtored, our back country is ſettling faſt again: the harveſt is truly great, but the labourers extremely few, only two for ſome hundreds of miles. O that you would ſend us ſome miniſters!

It will be pleaſing to you to inform you that increaſe of knowledge, an eager deſire after growth in it, and ſome reformation, are the happy conſequences that have attended the books I have given away, &c.

New-Jerſey Colledge Rev. Mr. HALSEY. I thankfully acknowledge the favour you have done me by intruſting me with the diſtribution of a parcel of books. I ſincerely approve of the truly pious and charitable deſign of the Society: nothing ſurely has a more happy tendency to promote the Redeemer's kingdom, than to diffuſe the knowledge of divine things among all ſorts of people; for while men are ignorant of the great truths of the goſpel, they will ſtill grope on in the dark till they ſtumble into perdition.

The books tranſmitted to me I have diſtributed chiefly among the younger ſtudents in the colledge; they were gratefully received, and I have reaſon to believe have made good impreſſions on the minds of ſeveral. I thought the deſign of the Society would be as likely to be anſwered this way as any other, for though they do not come properly under the denomination of poor, yet the great ſcarcity of pious, practical treatiſes among us (while large quantities of plays, romances, &c. are continually imported) render them an acceptable preſent: ſuch warm and animated pieces as Allein's alarm,

alarm, Shower on time and eternity, the Compaſſionate addreſs, &c. are ſeldom to be met with, *&c.*

Rev. Mr. HUNT. I am delighted with the charitable deſign you are ingaged in; for your incouragement in promoting ſo glorious an intereſt I can inform you that in places where I have been, there appears to be much real good done by means of your liberal charity among the poor and others. Wherefore I have been deſirous for ſome time of caſting in my mite, that I might promote ſo good a work, and be of ſome little ſervice to the numerous diſtreſſed poor around me, who are deſtitute of the means of public inſtruction. *Maryland, Virginia.*

Rev. Mr. MITCHEL. I have diſtributed the books you was pleaſed to ſend to this place for ſpreading Religious Knowledge among the poor, and they were received with great thankfulneſs. I can aſſure the Society they have done much good to many who received them. There are many here that long to be inſtructed in true religion, but are not able to *buy* books; for many of them can hardly get bread to ſupport life.—Some that I gave books to I have ſeen ſince, and they told me they had been greatly bleſſed to them in reading; and all deſire to give hearty thanks to GOD, and their benefactors. I believe the great JEHOVAH will bleſs your charitable donations, and make them a bleſſing to many thouſand ſouls. *Colcheſter.*

Rev. Mr. WILLIAMS. The diſtinguiſhed favour ſhewn me by the truly worthy Society for promoting Religious Knowledge among the poor, in conferring on me the priviledge of diſtributing ſuch a fund of books among my neighbours, excited my warmeſt gratitude.—But however great my joy and gratitude was at the *receipt* of them, it was very much over-balanced by the ſenſe of joy and thankfulneſs expreſſed by the poor at their diſtribution. *Shepton-Mallet, Somerſetſhire.*

My engagement in this affair hath informed me of a melancholy truth, which is that the bible is very ſcarce, and rarely to be met with in many poor families, whoſe profeſſion and practice entitle them to the warmeſt regard of every ſincere chriſtian. *&c.*

New-York. Mrs. SMITH. I am exceeding thankful for the ſupply of books from the Society; it is a very great pleaſure to be employed in communicating this beneficence to my fellow-creatures; it is the very beſt of goods we can confer. May GOD grant his bleſſing.—I believe, I may ſay, much good has been done by them. Many miniſters have been led into catechiſing by them, and children trained on by books, as rewards. Many thanks I have had for benefits received by them, and earneſt intreaties for more, which I could not ſupply.

The noble ſpirit manifeſted by the Society hath not a little ſtirred up a ſpirit of emulation, and deſire of imitating in ſome meaſure ſo lovely an example.—You can ſcarce imagine how much ignorance and immorality every where prevail, except a few places where the worſhip of GOD is ſet up, and they are moſtly very poor, ſo that indeed my wants of every kind of books the Society give away, are greatly increaſed upon me, *&c.*

Leeds in Yorkſhire. Rev. Mr. EDWARDS. Through the goodneſs of GOD, I received the ſeaſonable and invaluable treaſure you were pleaſed to ſend me for the uſe of the poor. I make no doubt but the pious intent of thoſe truly chriſtian patriots will be repayed with unſpeakable intereſt in the great day of account.

The pleaſing and ſalutary effects of putting good books, *gratis*, into the hands of the poor, are ſeen and acknowledged by every different claſs of perſons among us: which I can aſſure you have been owned, and bleſſed be GOD, to the enlightening the minds and warming the hearts of many of GOD's poor and afflicted ſaints, to whom they were given or lent; and,

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in a judgment of charity to the conviction and converſion of others, who before were ſeeking death in the error of their lives.

Our *aged* friends received the donations, with hearts full of gratitude and thankfulneſs, and eyes guſhing out with tears of unfeigned joy.—And the *lambs* of the flock, by theſe pleaſing and valuable rewards, have been induced to read, to think, and to pray.

For my own part I can truly ſay, I bleſs the LORD upon the bended knees of my ſoul, that ever the Society for promoting Religious Knowledge among the poor was formed. This beneficent exertion to promote the common intereſt of our great Redeemer, is certainly one of the nobleſt triumphs over a narrow party ſpirit; and one of the nobleſt evidences of a pure and diſintereſted love to GOD and man.

Mr. CALLENDER. I hereby acknowledge the honour the Society did me in ſending ſuch a parcel of excellent books to diſtribute among the poor. I can aſſure you, it was a happy employment to me, during the time I was ſeeking out proper objects; and I can truly ſay, the books have made the hearts of many poor chriſtians to ſing for joy. One poor widow had only a few leaves of the bleſſed Word of GOD, theſe ſhe had read over and over again, but when a bible was given her, how did ſhe praiſe GOD, and pray for thoſe who had ſent her ſuch an acceptable preſent! Another poor man (who has been lately brought to a ſerious concern about ſpiritual things) was ſo taken with ſome of the books that he went from houſe to houſe, reading them to his accquaintance. —— We often hear of ſome works done by our countrymen, which, ſaith the writer, ſhews a noble britiſh ſpirit. But of all works done, this ſhews the moſt noble, *viz.* to take care not only for the poor ſouls in their own country, but over the face of the whole earth. May the Lord GOD of heaven daily add to your numbers, *&c.* *Newcaſtle upon Tyne.* 7

Mr.

Hanover in Monmouthſhire.

Mr. ROBERT THOMAS. The great deſign you are upon, of promoting religious knowledge among the poor is truly laudable; for our bleſſed Saviour, when upon earth, rejoiced that the goſpel was preached among them.—I rejoice to find that various denominations of chriſtians unite ſo heartily to promote the welfare and happineſs of poor ſouls here and hereafter, who are unable to help themſelves.

Your choice of books to be given away are beſt adapted to your pious deſign of removing ignorance and wickedneſs. Baxter's Call—Watts's Catechiſms—The Compaſſionate Addreſs—and the ſmall treatiſes againſt the four great vices of the age, have had to my knowledge a good effect to work ſerious impreſſions on ſtupid, ignorant, wretches.—May you all be amply rewarded for your labour of love, &c.